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31 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Chief of the Air Force Delegation That Will be Assigned
to the National Photographic Interpretation Center

1. [] was called today by the Air Force who reported to him that Lt. Col. Robert E. Saxon who is currently the U.S. Air Force Chief of their Alert Office would be assigned to the NPIC as the Chief of the Air Force Delegation. It is obvious that Colonel Saxon has not had any PI experience in leadership roll or as worker roll but it would appear that from this type of assignment that the Air Force is bringing into full fruition their aspects of operation in the past, namely, the major items of sexy interest which they would seek to be alerted on are now going to be syphoned back to them through the guy whose job it has been for these years in winnowing out alert items. I do not know if there is an advantage or disadvantage in this but it would appear to me that a man in charge of directing an internal PI unit should have some PI competence and that this kind of an assignment may be a harbinger of the continuing political tugs-of-war that we have had with the Air Force in the past.

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2. This is noted for [] attention and for any way he would seek to play it or use it in connection with the next meeting of the AD HOC Planning Board in connection with the NPIC, the next meeting which is planned as I understand it for Friday the 31 March.

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